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SUBJECT: TRUDEAU STRONGLY POSITIVE ON RECENT WASHINGTON  
VISIT, MEETING WITH PRESIDENT AND STATE OF US/GOC  
RELATIONS

1. SUMMARY: BOTH AT SEPT 9 PRESS CONFERENCE AND IN  
CLOSED MEETING WITH LIBERAL CAUCUS, PM TRUDEAU WAS  
STRONGLY POSITIVE IN IMPRESSIONS OF RECENT WASHINGTON  
VISIT. AT PRESS CONFERENCE, HE DWELT ON RANGE OF BI-  
LATERAL ISSUES WHICH WERE BEING HANDLED IN SPIRIT OF  
COOPERATION RATHER THAN CONFRONTATION. WITH LIBERAL  
CAUCUS MEMBERS, HE STRESSED CLOSE PERSONAL RAPPORT  
WITH PRESIDENT AND NOTED THAT SUBSTANTIVE EXCHANGE HAD  
GONE VERY WELL. END SUMMARY.

2. AT SEPT 9 PRESS CONFERENCE, PM TRUDEAU GAVE FOLLOWING  
ASSESSMENT OF CURRENT STATE OF US-GOC RELATIONS.  
QUOTATION BELOW IS INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSCRIPT FROM TAPE.

3. BEGIN QUOTE: WHEN I MET THE PRESIDENT IN MY FIRST  
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OFFICIAL VISIT WE HAD A WHOLE SERIES OF IRRITANTS SOME  
OF WHICH COULD BE VERY TROUBLESOME. WE DISCUSSED THEM ALL  
AND MOST OF THEM ARE WELL ON THEIR WAY TO BEING SOLVED IN  
A WAY WHICH IS ADVANTAGEOUS TO BOTH COUNTRIES.

4. THE TOLLS ON THE ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY WERE AT THE HEAD  
OF THE AGENDA. WE WANTED TO CHANGE THE TOLLS, THE

AMERICANS DIDN'T. IT LOOKED AS THOUGH WE MIGHT HAVE TO DENOUNCE THE TREATY ETC. WE AGREED THAT WE DID NOT WANT TO PROCEED THAT (WAY), THEY DID NOT WANT US TO PROCEED THAT WAY, SO OKAY LET'S SIT DOWN AND THAT WAS DONE. ON THE FISHERIES QUESTION, MARITIME BOUNDARIES QUESTION, WELL AS YOU KNOW...THEY HAD TAKEN MEASURES WHICH WERE QUITE IN DIRECT CONFLICT WITH OUR VIEW OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, ETC. AND PRESIDENT CARTER AFTER MY FEBRUARY VISIT DECIDED TO SUSPEND THE WHOLE THING AND ASSIGN NEGOTIATORS. SO THEY HAVE SUSPENDED ANY ACTION, ANY UNILATERAL ACTION AND THE THING IS WELL ON THE WAY TO BEING SETTLED BY DIFFICULT NEGOTIATIONS. THE GARRISON DIVERSION, THE SAME THING. HE STOPPED THE WORK ON THE GARRISON DIVERSION UNTIL HE HAD THE IJC REPORT, I BELIEVE THAT IS COMING IN NEXT WEEK.

5. ON THE PIPELINE, YOU WILL RECALL THAT LAST FEBRUARY IT DIDN'T LOOK AS THOUGH IT WOULD BE A VERY GREAT POSSIBILITY FOR CANADA TO GO ALONG WITH THAT; THERE WAS SUCH A STRONG LOBBY AGAINST IT, BERGER (WAS) PREPARING HIS REPORT WHEN WE KNEW HE WOULD BE OPPOSING THE MACKENZIE, ETC. WE SAID LOOK WE ARE GOING TO TRY AND MAKE A DECISION THAT IS GOOD FOR YOU AND US AND WE MADE IT.

6. THERE IS A QUESTION OF EXTRA-TERRITORIAL APPLICATIONS OF U.S. LEGISLATION, PARTICULARLY IN THE COMBINES AREA. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE PRESIDENT AGREED AT THAT TIME THAT ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL WOULD SIT DOWN AND DISCUSS (THE MATTER) WITH OUR MINISTER OF JUSTICE - HE DID. WE ARE STILL NOT SATISFIED WITH THE STATE OF PLAY THERE. IT IS THE AMERICAN LAW AND THE AMERICAN COURTS WHICH ARE GIVING US OUR PROBLEM NOT THE ADMINISTRATION. WHAT OTHER EXAMPLES, OH YES - THE TAX EXEMPTION ON CONVENTIONS IN CANADA WHICH WAS A GREAT IRRITANT. WE HAVEN'T GOT THE RESULTS WE HOPED YET, BUT I RAISED IT AGAIN WITH PRESIDENT CARTER AND WE HAVE SET ON THE WAY A MECHANISM WHICH HOPEFULLY WILL BRING SATISFACTION. WE TALKED ABOUT TANKER PROBLEMS AND OIL SPILLS PARTICULARLY ON THE WEST COAST. WE ARE WELL ON THE WAY TO SETTING OUT THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION REGULATIONS TO PROTECT ANY POSSIBLE ADVERSE ACTION (SIC) IN THE JUAN DE FUCA. SO EVERYTHING WE RAISED, PRESIDENT CARTER SEEMS TO HAVE HELPED US SOLVE IN A WAY WHICH WAS COMPATIBLE TO THE INTEREST OF BOTH COUNTRIES.

7. THE PANAMA CANAL WAS VERY IMPORTANT FOR HIM, THE SIGNATURE OF THE TREATY I THINK WAS VERY IMPORTANT FOR CANADA, TOO (IN) INTERNATIONAL TERMS, APART FROM WANTING TO DO SOMETHING THAT PRESIDENT CARTER INVITED ME TO DO.

IT IS SIMPLY QUITE CLEAR THAT, IF IT HASN'T BEEN BEFORE, THAT SEVERAL SOUTH AMERICAN LEADERS HAVE INSISTED THAT I BE AT THE SIGNING OF THE PANAMA TREATY. PRESIDENT PEREZ OF VENEZUELA SPOKE TO ME OF THIS WHEN I HAD THE OFFICIAL TRIP THERE A YEAR AND A HALF AGO. THE PRESIDENT OF COLOMBIA WAS SENDING MESSAGES. THE PRESIDENT OF PANAMA, WHEN HE CAME TO THE OLYMPIC SITE, ASKED IF I COULD ASSIST AT THE SIGNING.

8. EVERYTHING SEEMS TO BE GOING ALONG FINE IN OUR RELATIONS WITH THE AMERICAS. THERE WILL PROBABLY BE OTHER IRRITANTS (BUT) IF THEY ARE CONTINUED TO BE TACKLED IN

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THE SPIRIT WE HAVE TACKLED THEM OVER THE PAST 8 MONTHS I THINK RELATIONS WILL CONTINUE TO IMPROVE BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES. END QUOTE.

9. TRUDEAU REACTION IN PRIVATE SUPPORTS POSITIVE TONE AT PRESS CONFERENCE. MEMBER OF LIBERAL HOUSE CAUCUS, WHICH WAS HOLDING ANNUAL CLOSED-SESSION POLICY REVIEW IN OTTAWA THIS WEEK, TOLD EMBASSY OFFICER THAT PM TRUDEAU HAD BEEN EFFUSIVE IN DESCRIBING TO CAUCUS MEMBERS HIS RECENT WASHINGTON VISIT AND MEETING WITH PRESIDENT. GENERAL IMPRESSION GIVEN, ACCORDING TO CAUCUS MEMBER, WAS THAT PERSONAL RAPPORT BETWEEN TRUDEAU AND PRESIDENT COULD HARDLY BE BETTER AND THAT SUBSTANTIVE EXCHANGE WENT VERY WELL. ENDERS

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